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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: § Attorney Docket No: 13137.0049.NPUS00
Alan D. Kersey, et al. § Confirmation No. 8667
Serial No.: 09/726,059 § Examiner: Susecki, Krystyna
Filed: November 29, 2000 § Group Art Unit: 2882
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider Applicant's claims in view of the arguments outlined below.

Applicant's response is timely filed, and it is believed that no extension fees are due. However, Applicant has added new claims to the application by virtue of this response and owes excess claim fees. This Office is authorized to deduct such excess claim fees, or any other necessary fees, from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13137.0049.NPUS00.

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